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## A.O. Smith announces Milwaukee location for new Corporate Technology Center

**Alderman Jim Bohl** said he is "pleased and excited" by the announcement made earlier today by global water technology company A. O. Smith Corporation that it will build a new corporate research center near its Park Place world headquarters in Milwaukee.

The 42,700 square foot facility will house its Corporate Technology Center which focuses on advanced research and development in the areas of potable and hydronic water heating, water treatment, and air purification. The company plans to break ground for the project in August with an anticipated completion during the fourth quarter of 2018.

"For Milwaukee and for the region, it is tremendous news that A.O Smith chose the Park Place office park campus as the location for their new Corporate Technology Center," said Alderman Bohl, whose 5<sup>th</sup> District includes the Park Place campus.

The company has been headquartered at Park Place since the mid-1980s, and their current Technology Center is located down the road in the Park Place campus. The new facility is set to be built in front of the present headquarters site. "A.O. Smith has been a longstanding, prominent Milwaukee manufacturer and corporate citizen, and I think it speaks to the company's confidence in the City of Milwaukee that they want their primary center for innovation and technology to remain in the city," Alderman Bohl said.

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"With A.O. Smith looking to the future to continue its leadership in advanced water and air treatment technologies, it can only help Milwaukee and the region to have this new center and the synergy it can bring to strengthen our position as a high tech city and global center of water technology excellence," he said.

"On behalf of the City of Milwaukee, I want to publicly thank A.O. Smith for choosing to build the new Corporate Technology Center at the Park Place campus – a move that will surely help to enhance the city's reputation as the 'freshwater capital' of the world," the alderman said.